

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

A substitute declaration is enclosed to correct an inadvertent error in the wording of the original declaration by changing the original phrase "information which is material to the examination of this application" to now read -- information known to me to be material to patentability --.

The Examiner has rejected original Claims 1-4 and 6-10. The Examiner has objected to original Claim 5 on the basis that it is dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has indicated that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

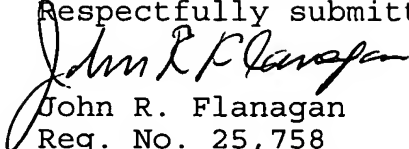
Independent Claim 1 has been amended so as to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 5 and the subject matter of intervening Claim 2. Claims 2 and 5 have been canceled in light of the incorporation of their subject matters in Claim 1. Claim 3 has been amended to change its dependency from canceled Claim 2 to amended Claim 1. Dependent Claim 9 has been amended to correct a minor error. Thus, now amended independent Claim 1 is equivalent to dependent Claim 5 rewritten in independent form. Also, rejected Claims 3, 4 and 6-9 now depend directly or indirectly from amended independent Claim 1. As a consequence, amended independent Claim 1 and Claims 3, 4 and 6-9 depending directly or indirectly therefrom are now present in allowable form. No new matter has been introduced.

Independent Claim 10 has been canceled.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-9, now remaining pending in the application, are believed to be patentable. Thus, favorable consideration and allowance of

the subject application are respectfully solicited.

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